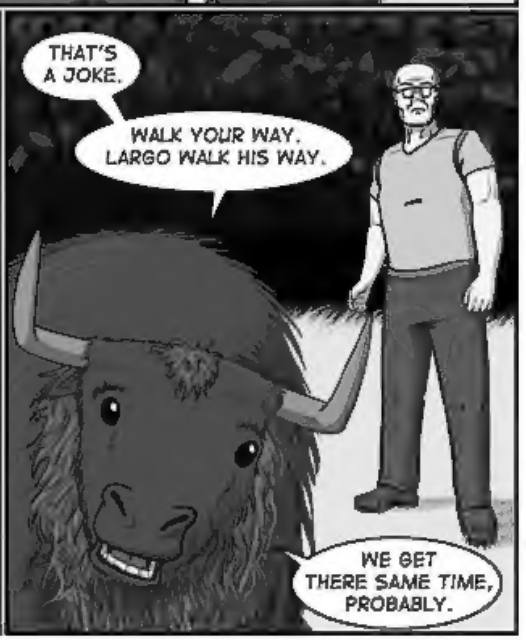
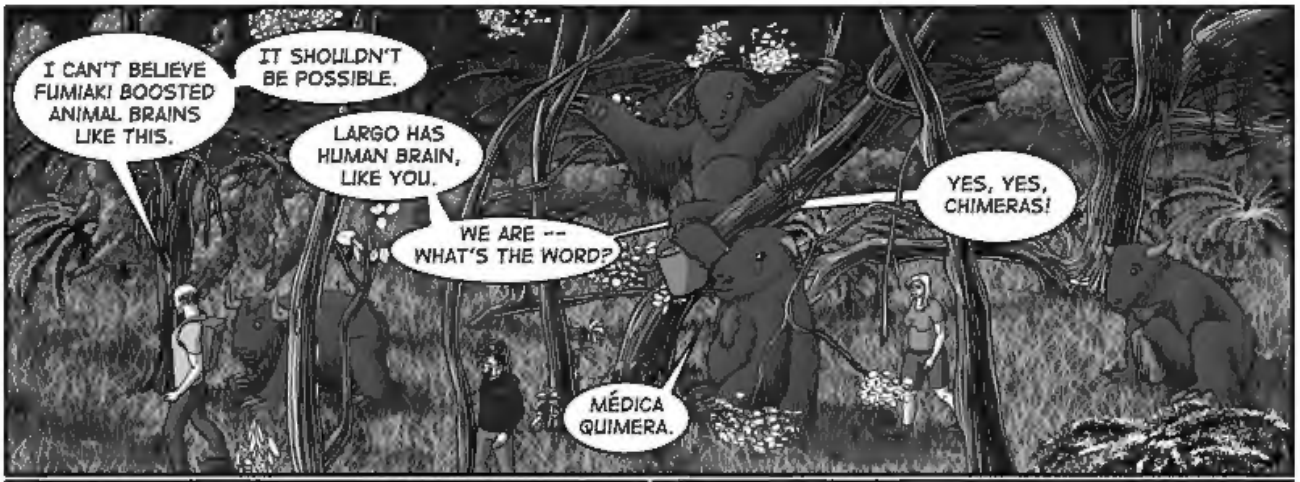
FUMIAKI MADE THIS.
JACOB -- THAT'S NOT ALL!
SLO-COWS?
WHAT?
A BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT PROJECT FROM THE LATE 2070'S...
... TO RESURRECT THE EXTINCT GIANT SLOTH.
THEY USED CATTLE GENES TO FILL HOLES IN THE CHROMOSOME.
THEY WANTED A FOOD ANIMAL THAT COULD GRAZE ON UNCLEARED RAINFOREST.
BUT WE SHUT DOWN THE SLO-COW PROJECT.
WHY WOULD FUMIAKI MAKE MORE?
LARGO NEVER ASKED WHY.
WORRIED THE ANSWER WOULD BE, 'FOR THE HELL OF IT.'
LARGO NOT WANT TO HEAR THAT.

JACOB, NO GUNS.
CAN'T YOU SEE IT'S FRIENDLY?
I CAN SEE IT'S A TALKING GIANT SLOTH.
YES, LARGO TALKS THE BEST. AT LEAST IN ENGLISH.
IF YOU SPEAK PORTUGESE, YOU'LL TALK WITH MIGUEL.
MIGUEL IS MEAN.
WITH HORNS. DON'T FORGET THE HORNS.

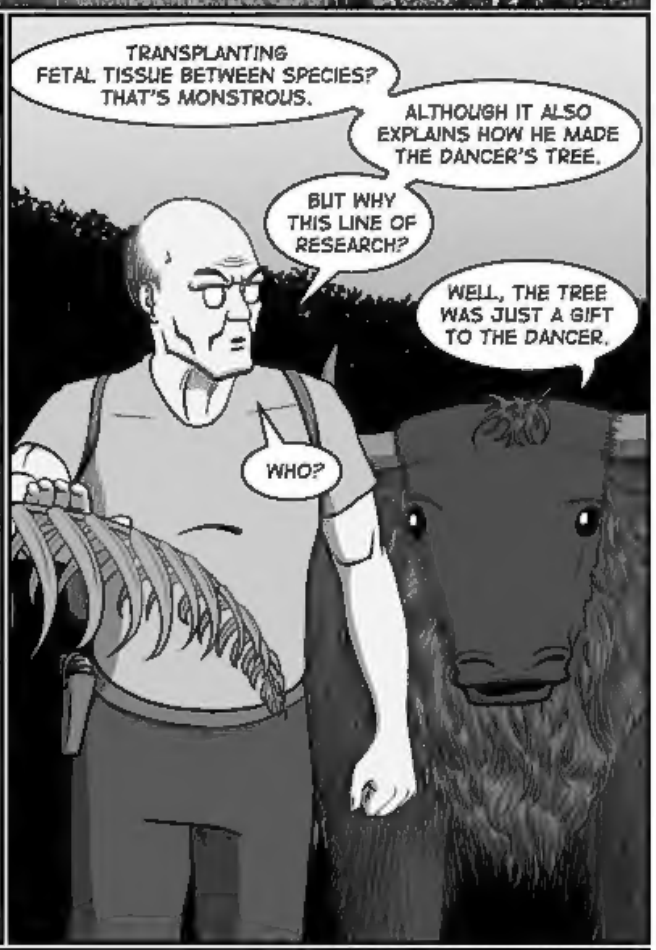
EU POSSO SER MAU, MAS SOU MAIS INTELIGENTE DO QUE ESTE IMBECIL.
TOMANDO ISTO, AGORA. *
OH, YOU WANT THIS? SURE...
THIS IS WAY BETTER THAN SIGHTING A MONKEY.
*– I MAY BE SURLY, BUT I'M SMARTER THAN THAT MORON. TAKING THIS NOW.

YOU KNOW FUMIAKI? IS HE HERE?
DOCTOR TATSU IS LONG GONE.
LARGO CAN TAKE YOU TO HIS LAB.
WALK THIS WAY.


THAT'S A JOKE.
WALK YOUR WAY. LARGO WALK HIS WAY.
WE GET THERE SAME TIME, PROBABLY.


I CAN'T BELIEVE FUMIAKI BOOSTED ANIMAL BRAINS LIKE THIS.
IT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.
LARGO HAS HUMAN BRAIN, LIKE YOU.
WE ARE -- WHAT'S THE WORD?
YES, YES, CHIMERAS!
MÉDICA QUIMERA.

HUMAN BRAINS, FROM BABIES NOT YET BORN, PUT IN SLO-COW BABIES.
HE NEEDED HEADS BIG ENOUGH FOR HUMAN BRAINS.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE BIG HEADS.
SNAP
BUT WE'RE NOT PINEAPPLE FLAVORED. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?


TRANSPLANTING FETAL TISSUE BETWEEN SPECIES? THAT'S MONSTROUS.
ALTHOUGH IT ALSO EXPLAINS HOW HE MADE THE DANCER'S TREE.
BUT WHY THIS LINE OF RESEARCH?
WELL, THE TREE WAS JUST A GIFT TO THE DANCER.
WHO?

THE DANCER. SHE WHO WATCHES OVER US, OVER ALL THE JUNGLE, FOR ALL OF TIME.
GREAT. GIANT SLOTHS WITH RELIGION.
HOW MUCH FURTHER TO THE LAB, LARGO?
JUST OVER THIS RISE...

ANOTHER RUIN.
IT'S LATE. IS IT SAFE TO SLEEP HERE TONIGHT?
OH, YES. LARGO SLEEPS HERE OFTEN.
SNAKES HARDLY EVER GET IN.
YOU FIND SOME GOOD SPOTS TO BUNK DOWN. GIRII.
I'M GOING TO SEARCH THE LAB FOR MORE CLUES.
THERE'S GOT TO BE A REASON WHY FUMIAKI SENT US HERE...
LARGO?
I THINK I KNOW WHO THE DANCER WAS.
IS THERE ANYTHING LEFT OF HER?

NICE LITTLE VILLAGE YOU'VE GOT HERE.
SEEN ANY GRINGADA LATELY?
SIM.
THEY PICK UP ANY MAIL?
NO POST, SENHOR.
JAKE'S OUT HERE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.
DOUBT IT'S BURIED SOMEWHERE.
HMN.
SAY...
...DOES ANYONE HEREABOUTS CARRY THE OLD SMUGGER'S DROP?

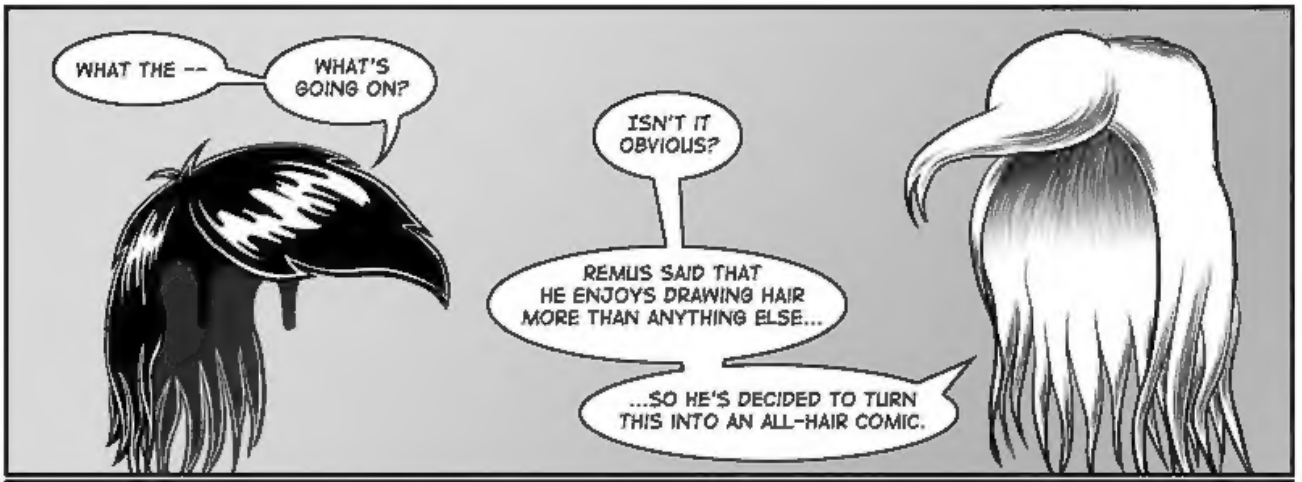
WHY ARE WE CLIMBING SO HIGH?
TO SEE THE DANCER.
WHAT, IS SHE IN HEAVEN?
JUST SHOW ME WHERE SHE LIVED, OR HER GRAVE, OR --
NO GRAVE.
NOT YET.

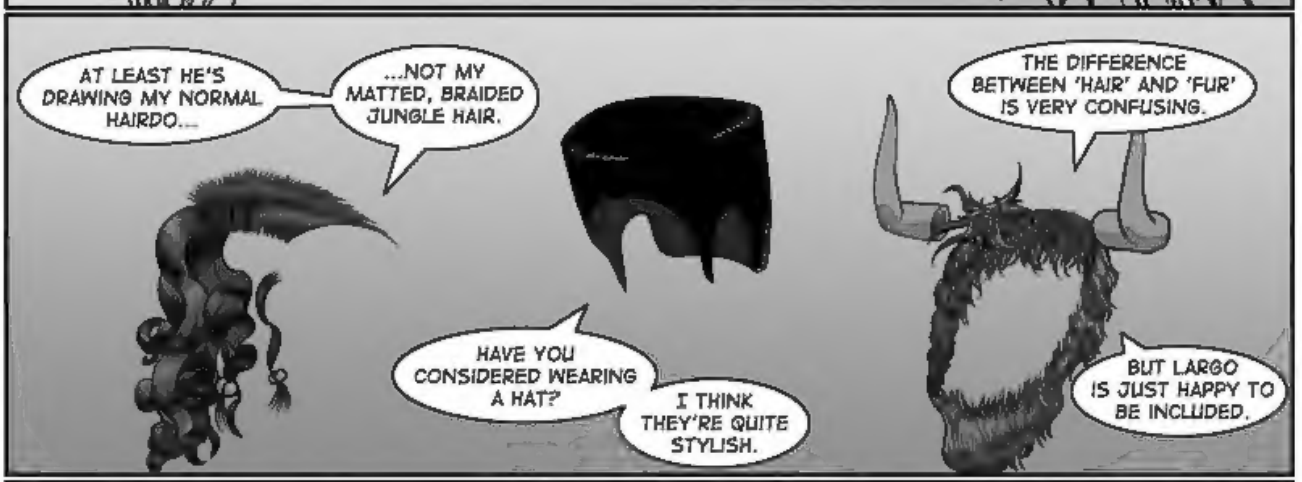
YOU'RE DAHNAI. YOU'RE ALIVE.
YOU HAVE ME AT A DISADVANTAGE.
YOU ARE...?
ROGER.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE HERE.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE EXPECTING ME.
I MEAN, I KNEW YOU USED TO BE HERE.
BUT JACOB WAS SO SURE THAT YOU WERE DEAD.

THAT MAN. I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK TO HIM.
HE SMELLS OF EVERY KIND OF DEATH.
JACOB'S NOT A BAD GUY.
I'VE SEEN WORSE.

TO: JACOB DOE


WHAT THE --
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
REMUS SAID THAT HE ENJOYS DRAWING HAIR MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE...
...SO HE'S DECIDED TO TURN THIS INTO AN ALL-HAIR COMIC.


AT LEAST HE'S DRAWING MY NORMAL HAIRDO...
...NOT MY MATTED, BRAIDED JUNGLE HAIR.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'HAIR' AND 'FUR' IS VERY CONFUSING.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WEARING A HAT?
I THINK THEY'RE QUITE STYLISH.
BUT LARGO IS JUST HAPPY TO BE INCLUDED.

IF I TAKE OFF MY TOUPEE I MIGHT BE INVISIBLE...
...AND THUS EVEN MORE EVIL.
EVIL? I THOUGHT WE WERE THE GOOD GUYS!
YOU KEEP ON THINKING THAT, DEAR.

EVIL, GOOD; WHATEVER.
ALL I KNOW IS, I'M THE ONE WITH THE BEST HAIR.
AIN'T THAT RIGHT, JAKE?

REMUS...
STOP PLAYING AROUND.
OR ELSE.

ZZT

CAREFUL -- DON'T STEP PAST THE BIOLUMINESCENT ORCHIDS.
WE PLANTED THOSE TO MARK THE EDGE OF THE PLATFORM UNDER THE CANOPY.
I WAS WONDERING WHAT I WAS STANDING ON.
DID YOU BUILD A LOT OF STUFF IN THE TREES?

JUST A FEW LADDERS AND PATHWAYS.
AFTER TATSU...LEFT, I STAYED BEHIND TO RAISE THE SLO-COWS.
IT DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT TO ABANDON THEM.
IT'S NICE HERE. ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT, WHEN I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT SPY SATELLITES.

I DO MISS SHAMPOO, THOUGH.
WIRY IN THE FRONT, SILKY IN THE BACK --
-- I'VE ALWAYS HAD THREE BREEDS WORTH OF BAD HAIR.
YOU'RE PROBABLY BETTER OFF STAYING HERE.
PERHAPS.
SAY, ROGER...

YOUR CAMERAS RECORD WHATEVER YOU READ, DON'T THEY?
IF YOU'VE RECORDED TATSU'S DIARY, MAY I HAVE IT?
...FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS.
SURE. YEAH, I RECORD EVERYTHING.

I LEAVE MICROCAMERAS EVERYWHERE I GO.
JUST IN CASE.

WELL, IF YOU LEAVE A CAMERA IN THE JUNGLE CANOPY...
...POINT IT AT THE REASON I COME HERE -- POINT IT UP.
HAVE YOU LOOKED UP, ROGER?

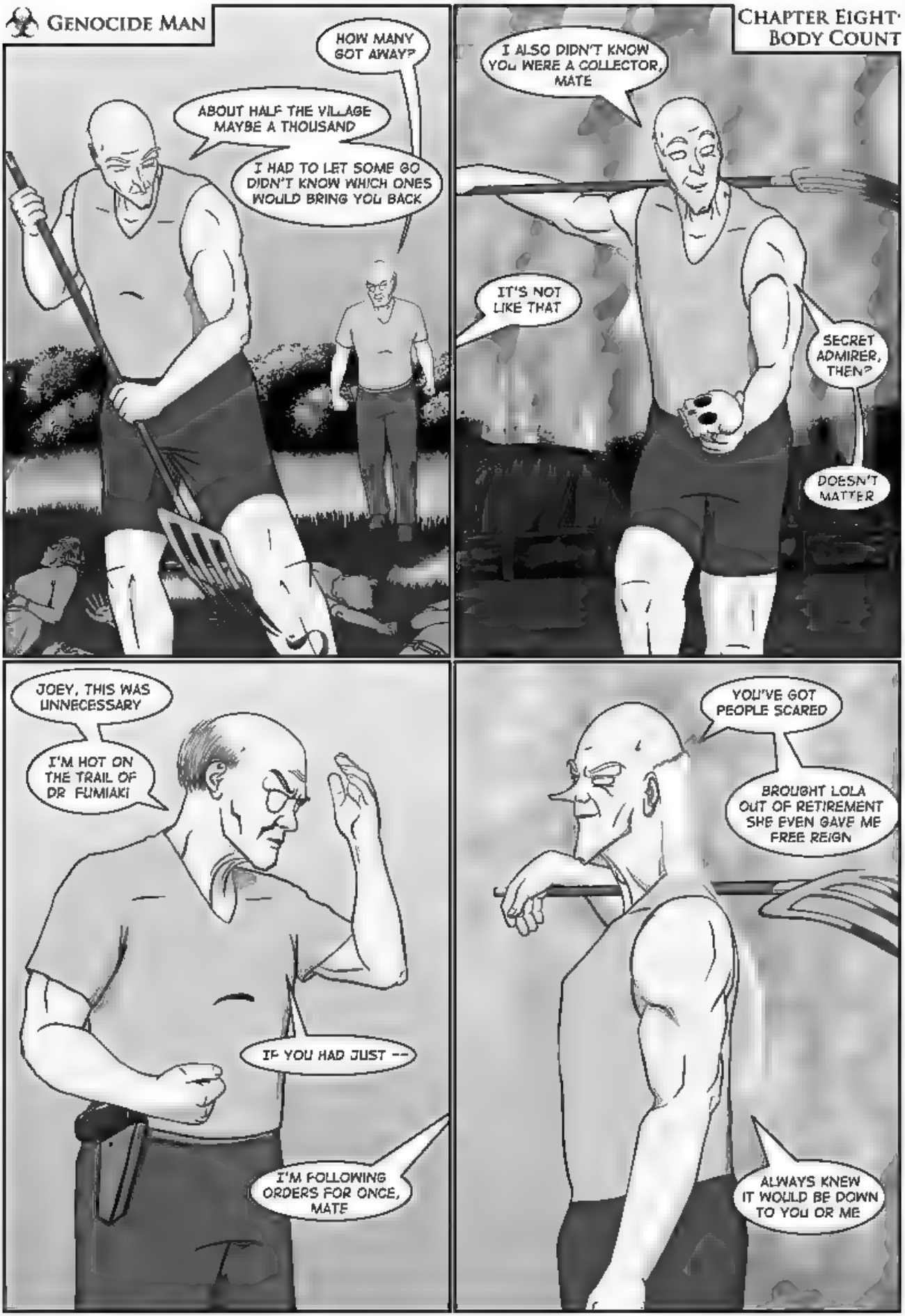
EVEN AFTER THE ADVENT OF MAN...
THERE ARE MORE SPECIES OF LIFE IN THIS JUNGLE THAN STARS IN THE SKY
I COME OUT HERE TO REMEMBER THAT
IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFE, ROGER
ALL GOOD CREATURES WORSHIP LIFE
EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY

HELP! PLEASE HELP -- RUACRENCA IS BURNING!
YOU MUST SAVE THEM THAT'S WHERE PINEAPPLES COME FROM!
JACOB, HAVE YOU SEEN ROGER?
I THOUGHT HE WAS SLEEPING WITH YOU
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?
~GRUMBLE~
THAT ISN'T GOOD
MAYBE IT'S JUST A FIRE
IT'S JOEY
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT

THE WHITE SMOKE IS WHAT'S LEFT OF THE VILLAGE
SEE THAT BLACK SMOKE? THAT'S BURNING HUMAN FAT
IT'S JOEY HE'S METERING THE CORPSES OUT LIKE A SIGNAL FIRE
TAUNTING ME
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO FIGHT HIM
HEY, GUYS I WAS... EXPLORING WHAT'S UP?
JACOB'S TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE AGAIN
THAT'S NOT IT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT HIM
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A CHANCE OF STOPPING HIM
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WE CAN RUN
HE'LL FOLLOW PEOPLE WILL DIE
SO WILL YOU!
TURN AROUND, LOOK AT ME!
NO, GIRL! YOU CAN'T CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THIS
YES I CAN
TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT ME --

-- THEN I CAN MAKE YOU TELL ME WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT --
IT'S LIFE, GIRL!
I'M TRYING TO SAVE LIVES!
THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON I JOINED THE GENOCIDE PROJECT!
THE ONLY THING I WAS EVER GOOD AT WAS KILLING
THEN THEY TOLD ME I COULD USE THAT ONE SKILL TO SAVE LIVES
TO SAVE THE WORLD
THAT'S ALL I EVER WANTED
BUT JOEY'S NOT LIKE ME HE JOINED BECAUSE HE LIKES TO KILL
HE'S A PSYCOPATH WHO'S BEEN OFF THE LEASH TOO OFTEN
SO I'M GOING TO PUT HIM DOWN, AND BRING A LITTLE JUSTICE TO THIS WORLD
AND IF HE KILLS ME, WELL
THERE'LL BE JUSTICE IN THAT, TOO
GOOD LUCK, JACOB DOE

HOWDY, JAKE
THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER GET HERE
NEXT -- CHAPTER EIGHT
BODY COUNT


HOW MANY GOT AWAY?
ABOUT HALF THE VILLAGE MAYBE A THOUSAND
I HAD TO LET SOME GO DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONES WOULD BRING YOU BACK
I ALSO DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A COLLECTOR, MATE
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
SECRET ADMIRER, THEN?
DOESN'T MATTER
JOEY, THIS WAS UNNECESSARY
I'M HOT ON THE TRAIL OF DR FUMIAKI
IF YOU HAD JUST --
I'M FOLLOWING ORDERS FOR ONCE, MATE
YOU'VE GOT PEOPLE SCARED
BROUGHT LOLA OUT OF RETIREMENT SHE EVEN GAVE ME FREE REIGN
ALWAYS KNEW IT WOULD BE DOWN TO YOU OR ME

AND I HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN
. IF I EVER WANT TO BEAT YOUR BODY COUNT
I HAVEN'T KILLED HALF AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU
IT'S CUTE YOU BELIEVE THAT
THUD
THWOCK

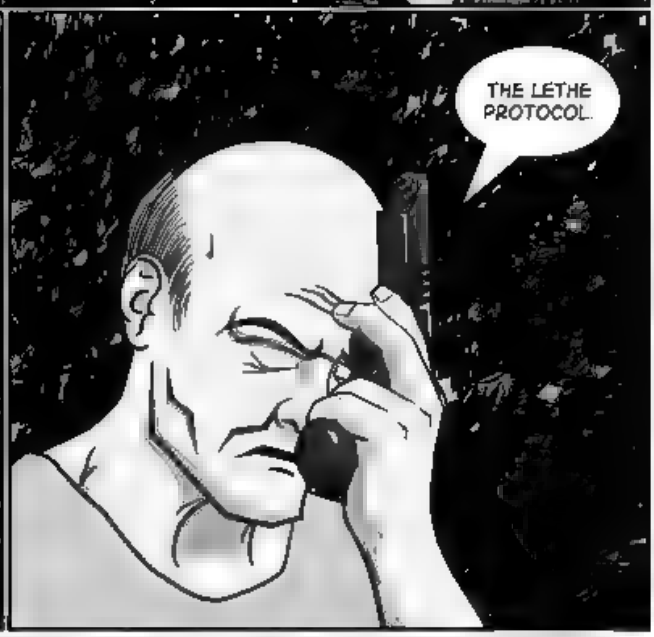
ARE YOU TRYING TO SHOOT MY EYES OUT WITH THAT MIS-TUNED GUN?
OR JUST HOPING TO OVERWHELM MY BODY'S ANTITOXINS?
EITHER ONE'S A PLAN
BAD PLAN
KEVIN'S BEEN TURBO-CHARGING MY AUGMENTS
THAT STUFF DOESN'T EVEN STING ANYMORE
AND YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH A --

YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE GOT THAT THING TUNED, MATE!
BEEN MEANING TO
HEH?
CONGRATULATIONS -- NOW YOU'VE GOT TWO USELESS WEAPONS!
DOESN'T MATTER
I WAS ALWAYS GOING TO DO YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS

SO WHERE'S YOUR GENOCIDE CASE, JAKE?
BEEN YEARS SINCE THEY LET ME PLAY WITH ONE OF THOSE
YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT
YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT!
DAHNAI, IT'S A WEAPON!
IT'S A BARGAINING CHIP
NOW THAT THE GENOCIDE MEN ARE HERE, WE'LL NEED TO BARGAIN TO SURVIVE
I'M SORRY
BUT THE ANALYSIS PACKAGE WAS UNLOCKED, JOEY
MY OLD DRILL INSTRUCTOR WOULD KILL ME FOR THIS
..IT SHOWED ME THE HUMAN GENETIC BASELINE HAS CHANGED.
OH?

YOU FIGURED OUT THE GUAYAQUIL PLAGUE, DID YOU?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
HAH -- AFTER KEVIN TWEAKED MY AUGMENTS, WE DISCOVERED A SIDE EFFECT

UPPING MY CORTICOSTEROIDS MADE ME IMMUNE TO THE LETHE PROTOCOL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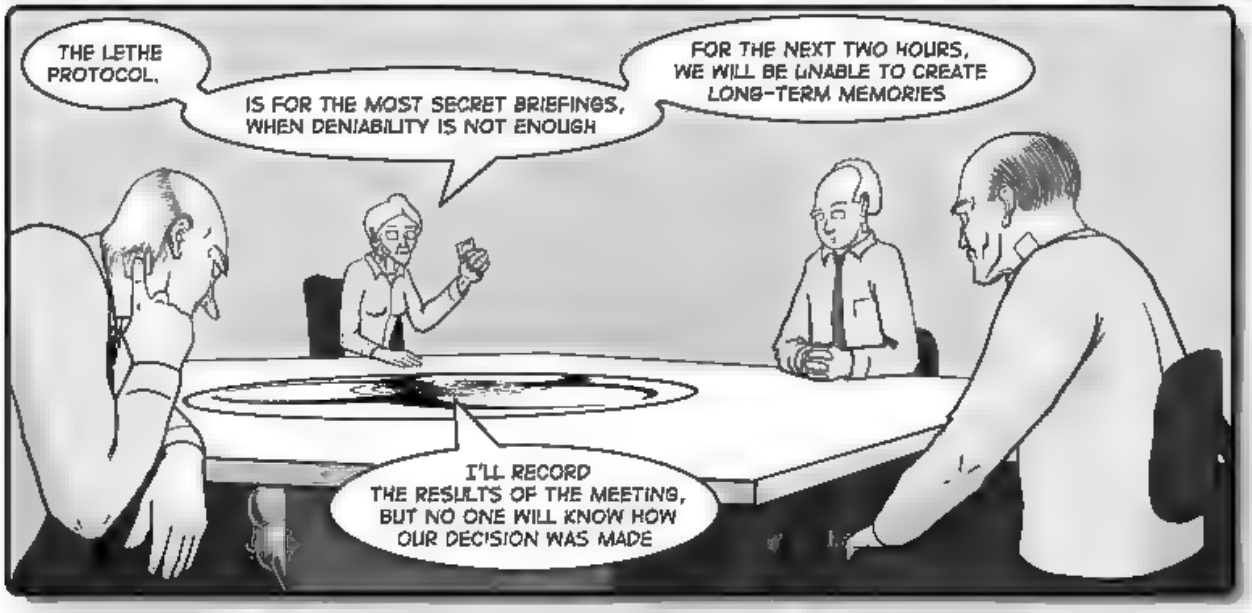
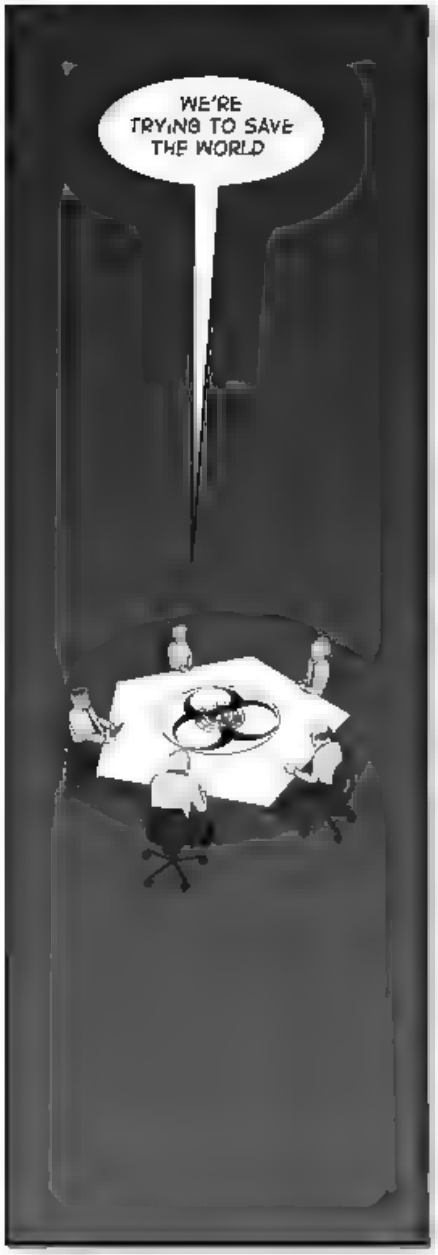

THE LETHE PROTOCOL.
IS FOR THE MOST SECRET BRIEFINGS, WHEN DENIABILITY IS NOT ENOUGH
FOR THE NEXT TWO HOURS, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO CREATE LONG-TERM MEMORIES
I'LL RECORD THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING, BUT NO ONE WILL KNOW HOW OUR DECISION WAS MADE

LOLA, I MUST PROTEST
THE LETHE CHEMICALS ARE CONTRAINDICATED BY OUR MILITARY AUGMENTS.
YES, PETER YOU ALWAYS DO
THE COMBINATION COULD CAUSE PROGRESSIVE AMNESIA.
LOLA, HOW OFTEN HAVE WE DONE THIS?
I TOLD YOU THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER MY CHILDHOOD
IS THIS THE REASON?
YES, JACOB EVERY TIME YOU USE YOUR POWER YOU FORGET A BIT OF YOUR PAST IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

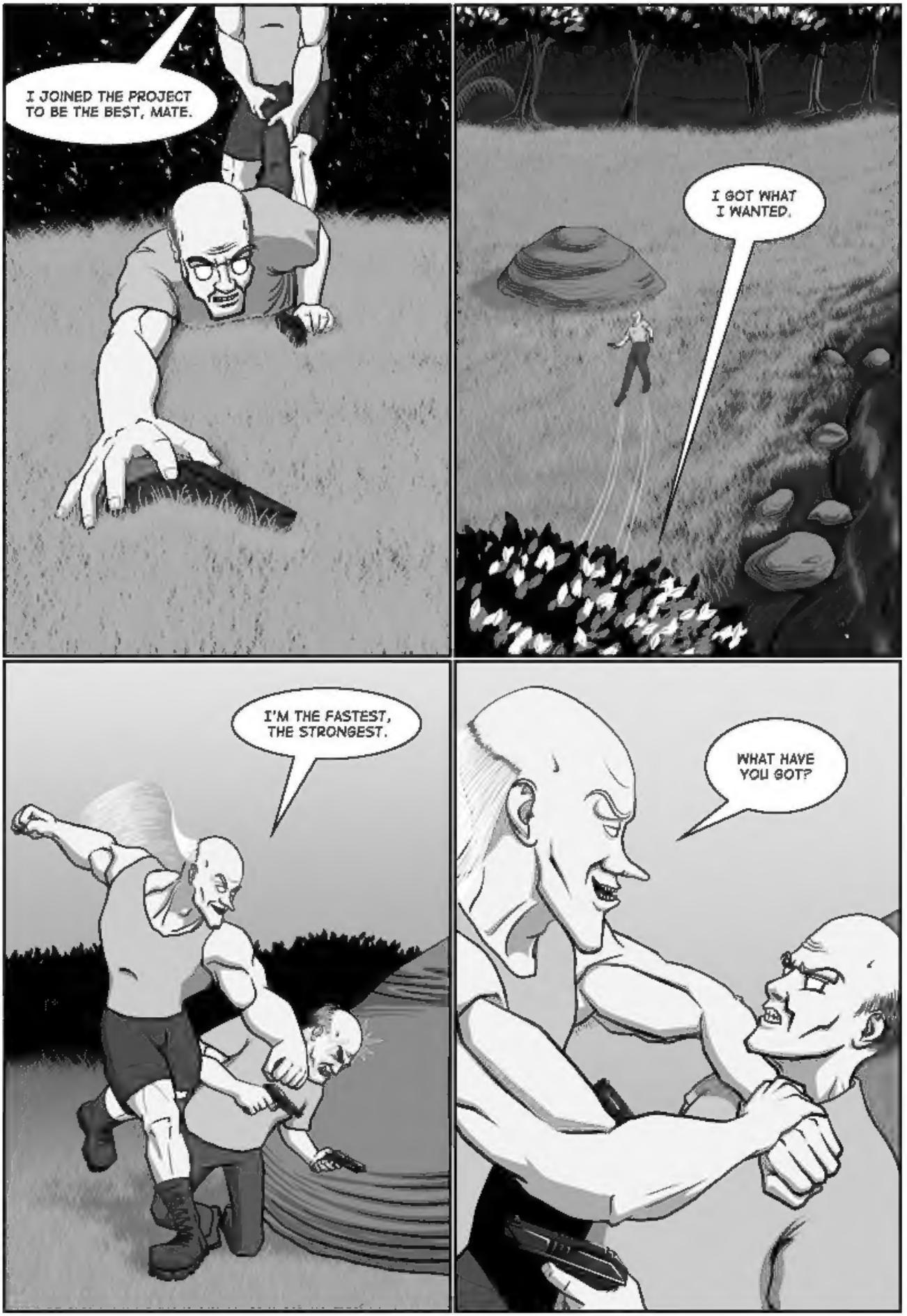

WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE THE WORLD

WE'VE PLANNED A WORLDWIDE RELEASE WITH A GENETIC THERAPY PACKAGE
IT WILL BOOST THE HUMAN IMMUNE SYSTEM TO END THE GLOBAL PANDEMICS
WE'LL HAVE THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM, OF COURSE OUR PLAGUES WILL BE PERFECTLY LETHAL

WE CAN ALSO REDUCE TESTOSTERONE AND ADRENAL RESPONSE. IF WE MAKE THE POPULATION MORE DOCILE, WE CAN END WARS ENTIRELY.
KEVIN AND I ARE IN AGREEMENT WE NEED ONE MORE VOTE TO LAUNCH THE PLAN

PETER, I ASSUME --
I'M AGAINST IT, OF COURSE
EVEN IN A BEST CASE SCENARIO, GENETIC THERAPY STILL HAS A 1% DEATH RATE
AND WE NEVER USE IT ON NEWBORNS OR THE ELDERLY
THIS PLAN OF YOURS COULD KILL MILLIONS
I'M APPALLED
ALL RIGHT JOEY?
CAN'T SAY I APPROVE, LOLA.
YOU'RE TAKING THE TEETH OUT OF THE HUMAN RACE.
INSURING THAT SCRAPPERS LIKE ME WILL NEVER BE BORN AGAIN
NO NO, I CAN'T SAY THAT I LIKE IT
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT OBJECTION, JOEY
NOW JACOB, BEFORE YOU --
WILL IT END THE KILLING?
WHAT?
WILL IT BE THE END, LOLA?
THE END OF THE BLOODSHED? THE END OF US?
WILL THE WORLD BE AT PEACE AFTER THIS?
CAN YOU PROMISE ME THAT IF WE COMMIT THIS ONE LAST MASS MURDER, THEN WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO RETIRE?
YES, JACOB
I PROMISE
SHE LIED OF COURSE
OF COURSE SHE LIED
LOLA'S A POLITICIAN AS MUCH AS A SCIENTIST
I THINK SHE WON HER NOBEL PRIZE FOR LYING

PETER WAS WRONG TOO
THE GUAYAQUIL PANDEMIC KILLED ALMOST A BILLION PEOPLE
THEY'RE ON YOUR SCORECARD, MATE
IT'LL TAKE ME A CENTURY TO MATCH THAT BODY COUNT
GOTTA START BY ENDING YOUR SPREE


I JOINED THE PROJECT TO BE THE BEST, MATE.
I GOT WHAT I WANTED.
I'M THE FASTEST, THE STRONGEST.
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

REGRET.
REGRET?
THAT'S IT? HOW'S THAT WORKING FOR YA?
ALL YOU GOT LEFT IS REGRET?
THAT...AND...
...AN ELECTRIC CIRCUIT.
ZAA-CRACK!
ZAA-CRACK!

ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
ZA-CRACK!
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU STILL HAVE A HEART, YOU OLD BASTARD --
-- BUT SOMETHING'S PUMPING YOUR BLOOD AROUND...

...LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS...
...WHEN I FRY IT!
RACKACRACKACRACKA-ZA-CR
CKA-ZA-CR
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK